

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for participating in the telephone interview on July 13, 2006. The above amendment of claim 1, and the primary reference relied on in the Office Action, were discussed. No agreement was reached. In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2006, Applicant is amending claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12-15 and 16. Claims 1-19 are pending, of which claims 1, 12 and 16 are independent. Favorable reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The independent claims have been amended to recite that the newly created document (now termed the "first new electronic document") can be used—upon being displayed—to create a second new electronic document using the same input control that was used in creating the first new document. Support for the amendment is found for example in Figure 3 and its accompanying description on page 10, lines 9-17, where it is mentioned that the document 120 may have been created as a follow-up of a document 360. From this new document 120, then, the specification describes that another new document 190 can be created (see Figures 1A-1D). Some dependent claims have been updated with the term "first". No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 2, 4-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,389,434 (Rivette). Similarly, claims 3 and 18 were rejected over Rivette in view of the article by Neto et al. (Neto). Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the amended claims in view of the interview discussion and the following remarks.

Independent claim 1 is a method of creating an electronic document. The current amendment was discussed in detail during the interview. Amended independent claim 12 is a computer program product claim corresponding to method claim 1. Amended independent claim 16 is another computer program product claim drawn to a graphical user interface, and it has been amended similarly to the other independent claims. Each claim now recites that the newly created document can be used to create another new electronic document with the same input control. Rivette or Neto do not disclose or suggest this feature.

As discussed in the interview, Rivette teaches the creation of notes (or sub-notes) that link to a specific document. There is no description in Rivette of creating other notes linked to

the created note. In other words, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Rivette that a newly created document can be used to create another new electronic document with the same input control. Neto was cited as showing web notes .

The independent claims (1, 12 and 16) all recite that while the newly created document is being displayed, another new document can be created using the same input control. Rivette does not disclose or suggest this feature. The remaining claims all depend directly or indirectly from either of these claims. Favorable consideration of the amended claims is requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

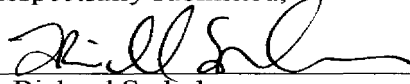
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